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In May 1954, the Warnow Shipyard at Warnemunde suffered from an acute shortage of ship plates for the ore and coal carriers and type-IV ships; the same applied to the other passenger ships and floating pontoons to be built at the installation. A total of about 8,000 tons of ship plates were required, but only 800 tons had been received so far. Of these, 300 tons were rejected. The Hattstedt rolling mill could not meet the demand. Imports from Western countries met with enormous difficulties. This made it impossible to obtain the powder needed for the welding of aluminum and hydronalium. The powder obtained from Bitterfeld was unsuited for this purpose.

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